

16th Meeting of the 14th Financial Board FY21

Zoom Meeting ID: 969-9035-1848

October 28th , 2020

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

F.91 Promotion of Animal Welfare Society (Reallocation- \$1012.00) - Passed in Full

IV. New Business

A.6 Recommendations of the Appropriations Sector

F.109 Bowling Club (\$1132.91) - Passed in Full

F.110 Student Government Association (\$1,600.00) - Passed in Full

F.111 Social Committee (\$526.00) - Passed in Full

F.112 Tech News (\$137.52) - Passed in Full

F.113 Choral Association (Reallocation- \$127.95) - Passed in Full

F.114 Women's Club Rugby (Reallocation- \$569.93) - Passed in Full

F.115 Art and Design Club (\$98.33) - Passed in Full

F.116 Astronomy Club (\$579.21) - Passed in Full

F.117 Campus Recreation Advisory Council (\$600.00) - Passed in Full

F.118 Hispanic and Caribbean Student Association (Reallocation- \$99.49) - Passed in Full

F.119 Men's Ultimate Frisbee (Reallocation- \$1025.00) - Denied

F.120 Society of Women Engineers (Reallocation- \$3376.00) - Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.91 Promotion of Animal Welfare - (\$1012.00)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: Funds are being reallocated for Covid-19 purposes to create custom masks/t-shirts

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: Shelter Trips.

Presentation:

Their current budget is for Shelter Trips but due to COVID, they decided to reallocate some of that money to supplies, shirts, and prizes. They are asking for half of the cost of the t-shirts. They expect more than 15 people to submit a design for the redesign contest.

Questions:

Is the Prize for one person: Yes it is a \$15.00 gift card for the Logo Redesign Contest.

Discussion:

PRO: We have been funding hand sanitizer and masks for other clubs.

PRO: They seem to have a lot of people supporting this event and are interested in buying a shirt.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.109 Bowling Club - (\$1132.91)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds to cover bowling, shoe rentals, unlimited night time bowling passes, and gas for transportation for B term bowling events.

Presentation:

They'll be going on the following dates: 11/6/2020, 11/14/2020, 11/21/2020, 11/28/2020, 12/4/2020.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: It follows our bylaws.

PRO: It fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: It will be good for the members to be able to get together and have a fun night.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.110 Student Government Association - (\$1600.00)

Purpose of Funds:

They would like to put on the Bear Friends Forever Program.

Presentation:

They are collaborating with the SAO and RSO to put on this event at the end of B term. The RSO and SAO are paying for part of the event. SGA will be paying \$1,600.00 for 123 bears at \$13.00 per bear.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: Seems like a fun program for students.

PRO: It will be good entertainment for the students staying on campus after Thanksgiving.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.111 Social Committee - (\$526.00)

Purpose of Funds:

The club would like to purchase sweatshirts to encourage club spirit. This item will also be part of the new membership initiative.

Presentation:

A way to involve the new and old members, encourage active, long term engagement that carries throughout the years, and encourage club spirit.

Questions:

Have they gotten an apparel item yet?: No

Discussion:

PRO: It follows our bylaws.

PRO: We have funded something similar in the past.

PRO: It will be a good sense of community for the club.

PRO: Apparel spreads awareness for the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.112 Tech News - (\$137.52)

Purpose of Funds:

Funding for shirts to help fund t-shirts for Tech News.

Presentation:

They want 18 Staff Shirts for their club. They're asking for 50% of the cost.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: We fund shirts for many clubs.

PRO: It follows our bylaws.

PRO: Apparel is good promotion for clubs.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.113 Choral Association - (\$127.95)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: Boomwhackers

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: B Term Concert

Presentation:

They want more boomwackers since they can't have their B term concert.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: They can't do a lot of singing but with boomwackers they can get together and still produce music.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.114 Women's Club Rugby - (\$569.93)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: Equipment

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: Off Campus and Club Program (Internal)

Presentation:

They need Rugby Practice ball kits, indoor turf field flags, and practice balls. The funds would go towards new equipment to help run practices this year, and 15 practice balls as individual balls are needed for players during Covid. The flags are so they can enable contactless drills to run.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: They can't use the money for what they had planned for, so they might as well.

PRO: It fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.115 Art and Design Club - (\$98.33)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to purchase art supplies for the annual Halloween themed Art Time. This year they are putting together bags of themed supplies that those attending the event can use to create a variety of fun Halloween crafts. The event will be held remotely over Zoom with the supplies distributed prior to the event safely and socially distanced.

Presentation:

Each term they have arts and crafts events that are open to campus. Supplies are limited so they have to sign up on tech sync. Due to Covid, the event will be online over Zoom so they'll be putting together a craft bag to give to those participating.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: It's not much money, but it'll go a long way for people to be able to participate in this event on campus.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.116 Astronomy Club - (\$579.21)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to purchase the necessary equipment for the (on-campus) outing, and the vast majority of the funds will go towards 1-time purchases that will continue to facilitate all future outings. Additionally, a few of these required items requested allow for remote viewing from home to reduce the number of people at said event to one or two if necessary, and also reduce contact between people and contact between members and equipment.

Presentation:

B term Stargazing on Saturday 11/7 on the quad with only 1-2 people to maintain social distancing. The telescope has a camera so people from home can see and the equipment will be stored in their locker.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: I think it's similar to us purchasing cameras for the photography club.

PRO: It fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: They're abiding by the social distancing rules, but also allowing more people to participate.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.117 Campus Recreation Advisory Council - (\$600.00)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to buy three sets of cornhole boards for the recreation council. These boards will be used at several events throughout the year for activities put on by the recreation council to encourage student participation in recreation.

Presentation:

They will pay \$200.00 per set of boards and will be purchasing 3 sets of boards. They will be professionally done with the approved WPI logo. They are looking to find unique ways to engage in campus recreation. They will have weekly hours for signup and use and the boards can also be used at big events. They will be stored in the Recreation Center and can be used after Covid times.

Questions:

Could anyone come get them to use from the recreation center?: We still need to get it approved, but we hope that can happen at some point in the future.

Discussion:

PRO: It fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Seems like a good investment especially since we need to socially distance at activities.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.118 Hispanic and Caribbean Student Association - (\$99.49)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: Equipment/Supplies

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: Spanish Tutoring

Presentation:

In their purpose they aim to promote awareness of Hispanic and Caribbean culture. Because of Covid they won't need the line item that includes printing and food. They're holding a virtual event for the students to paint the country where they're from on a mask. It will promote people's culture and the use of masks. It is a social event for people to participate in.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: It fits the purpose of the club and follows covid guidelines.

PRO: It allows them to have an event and give people something to participate in.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.119 Men's Ultimate Frisbee - (\$1025.00)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: Equipment costs

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: Fall Tournament Fees 1st and Normal Tournament
Travel Expenses 2nd

Presentation:

All fall tournaments were cancelled so they don't need funding for entrance fees. They want to use this money to pay for practice equipment. Because of Covid, they can't share equipment anymore.

Questions:

Have you purchased these yet?: Yes we have the frisbees and have been using them.

Discussion:

CON: They have already purchased the equipment.

CON: It doesn't follow our bylaws.

Outcome: Denied

F.120 Society of Women Engineers - (\$3376.00)

Purpose of Funds:

What are you reallocating the funds to?: National Conference Registration Fees

Where are you reallocating the funds from?: National Conference Hotels and National Conference Ground Transportation

Presentation:

There is a lot of value in attending the conference. It's the world's largest conference for Women Engineers, there's over 250 professional development sessions, there are college to career panels, keynote speakers, and career fairs. They don't need funds for ground transportation and hotels so they want more people to be able to go. The registration is \$75 per member and they expect 60 members to attend and they're only asking for 66% of the costs. They want the extra \$376 in case more people showed interest.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: Even though it's costing more for registration, they're spending the same amount, but more people get to go.

Outcome: Passed in Full